

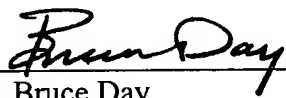
Remarks:

A clean copy of amended Claim 2 is attached. The examiner had objected to Claims 2 - 5 on the basis they depended from a rejected base claim but indicated they would be allowed if rewritten to include the limitations of preceding claims. That has been done. Claim 2 is now rewritten to combine Claims 1 and 2. Claims 3, 4 and 5 depended directly or indirectly from Claim 2 and are not changed. They are all believed in condition for allowance. Claims 6 - 8 were previously allowed, so all Claims 2 - 8 should be allowable with only Claim 1 remaining in contention.


The issue of obviousness with respect to Claim 1 appears finely drawn, with the examiner advancing his view and applicant contending that this combination of Kresse et al. '528 and Wells '761 fails to make obvious the claimed invention. The examiner contends that it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to substitute a mop bucket for the trailer in Kresse in view of Wells. Applicant contends that there is insufficient motivation expressed in Wells Co. 1, lines 20 - 25 to make obvious applicant's claimed combination of a mop bucket and trolley. To that end, applicant is appealing the rejection of Claim 1 to the Board. A courtesy copy of the Notice of Appeal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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2. A detachable trolley and mop bucket combination comprising a mop bucket supported by wheels thereon and movable over a floor surface and a trolley having a frame adapted for carrying cleaning supplies, the trolley supported by wheels thereon for moving over a floor surface, the trolley and the bucket separately and independently movable and having a connection between them for selective attachment to securely connect the mop bucket to the trolley so that the combined trolley and bucket can be easily maneuvered by one person, the trolley having spaced front legs terminating in wheels and forming a recess there between with the mop bucket sized to fit at least a portion of the mop bucket within the recess so as to nest between said spaced front legs.